

Appln. No.: 09/825,518  
Amendment dated September 7, 2004  
Reply to Office Action mailed August 24, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Advisory Action mailed August 24, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 12-18 have been cancelled. Claims 8-11 were allowed in the Advisory Action.

### CONCLUSION

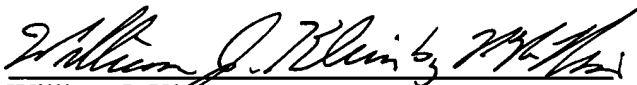
Because all of the pending claims of this application have been allowed, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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